

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Royce W. Johnson  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Stevens:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, along with a request for continued examination (RCE), in response to the final Office Action dated November 16, 2007. The present application is currently under appeal. Therefore, an RCE may be properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.